

CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

- 1 1. A system for controlling computer access, the system comprising:
2 at least one user profile for at least one respective user, each user profile
3 indicating access times that the respective user is authorized to access a computer,
4 wherein each user profile is customizable for the respective user;
5 a control unit to regulate user-access to the computer according to the user
6 profile of a current user of the computer.
- 1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a specific time
2 of day that the current user can access a particular computer application.
- 1 3. The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a duration of
2 time that the current user can access a particular computer application.
- 1 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a specific time
2 of day that the current user can access an Internet web site.
- 1 5. The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a duration of
2 time that the current user can access an Internet web site.
- 1 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a specific time
2 of day that the current user can access a content category.
- 1 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the access times include a duration of
2 time that the current user can access a content category.
- 1 8. The system of claim 1, wherein each user profile is remotely stored on
2 a database that is accessible by the World Wide Web.

1 9. The system of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a mechanism for generating a request for permission to access information
3 during a time period that has not been authorized.

1 10. The system of claim 7, further comprising:
2 an Internet user interface to display information from the World Wide Web;
3 and
4 a server for accessing the database, wherein the Internet user interface displays
5 a web page from the server that notifies the user that authorization to access the
6 particular Internet site has been denied if the user is not authorized to access the
7 Internet site during the time period, the web page providing the mechanism for
8 generating a request.

1 11. The system of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a server for accessing the database, wherein the Internet user interface displays
3 a web page from the server to create the at least one user profile, the user profile being
4 stored on the server and the computer.

1 12. A method to control computer access, comprising:
2 creating at least one user profile restricting computer access according to time
3 restrictions for at least one respective user;
4 storing the at least one user profile on a computer;
5 identifying a current user of the computer;
6 receiving a request from the current user for computer access;
7 checking the user profile of the current user to determine if the current user is
8 authorized for the computer access at a current time; and
9 denying access to the Internet site if the current user is not authorized for
10 computer access at the current time.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of:
2 requesting permission for computer access at a time period for which the
3 current user is not authorized.

1 14. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of:
2 remotely accessing the at least one user profile to configure the time
3 restrictions wherein each user profile is remotely stored on a database that is
4 accessible by the World Wide Web.

1 15. The method of claim 12, wherein an administrator of the computer
2 creates the at least one user profile for other users of the computer.

1 16. The method of claim 12, wherein the time restrictions include access
2 times that the respective user of the user profile is authorized to access the computer.

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the access times a specific time of
2 day that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a duration of
2 time that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

1 19. The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a specific
2 time of day that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

1 20. The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a duration of
2 time that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

1 21. The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a specific
2 time of day that the respective user can access a content category.

1 22. The method of claim 16, wherein the access times include a duration of
2 time that the respective user can access a content category.

1 23. A computer-readable medium for storing a program that controls
2 computer access, the program comprising the steps of:
3 creating at least one user profile restricting computer access according to time
4 restrictions for at least one respective user;
5 storing the at least one user profile on a computer;
6 identifying a current user of the computer;
7 receiving a request from the current user for computer access;
8 checking the user profile of the current user to determine if the current user is
9 authorized for the computer access at a current time; and
10 denying access to the Internet site if the current user is not authorized for
11 computer access at the current time.

1 24. The medium of claim 23, the program further comprising the step of:
2 requesting permission for computer access at a time period for which the
3 current user is not authorized.

1 25. The medium of claim 23, the program further comprising the step of:
2 remotely accessing the at least one user profile to configure the time restrictions
3 wherein each user profile is remotely stored on a database that is accessible by the
4 World Wide Web.

1 26. The medium of claim 23, wherein the time restrictions include access
2 times that the respective user of the user profile is authorized to access the computer.

1 27. The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times a specific time of
2 day that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

1 28. The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a duration
2 of time that the respective user can access a particular computer application.

1 29. The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a specific
2 time of day that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

1 30. The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a duration
2 of time that the respective user can access an Internet web site.

1 31. The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times a specific time of
2 day that the respective user can access a content category.

1 32. The medium of claim 26, wherein the access times include a duration
2 of time that the respective user can access a content category.